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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS***Information Disclosure Statement***

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement regarding the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 26, 2004.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 30 and 31 for a grammatical error in claim 30. Claim 30 has been amended. The Examiner's objection to claims 30 and 31 is thereby overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 28-31 under 35 USC 112 as being not enabled. The claims contained typographical errors, which have been corrected. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection of claims 28-31 is traversed.

The Examiner has rejected claims 35 and 36 and has alleged that it is unclear as to what is meant by the phrase "the object reacts forces asymmetrically on the tool". The Examiner has also rejected claim 35 for insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the second hole". The Examiner's rejection of claims 35 and 36 is traversed by cancellation of claims 35 and 36.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-26 and 35 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Brasz (US 5,131,142).

Brasz discloses, in Figs. 1-4, a first type of diffuser-making method which generally includes a first step of machining half of the required number of bores, and then plugging each of these bores and then machining the remaining half of the number of the required bores. The holes are not machined sequentially, which is inefficient.

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Claim 20, as amended, is believed to be allowable over the prior art. Claims 21-26 depend directly or indirectly from claim 20 and stand together with Claim 20 for patentability.

The Examiner's rejection of 35 is traversed by the cancellation of claims 35 and 36.

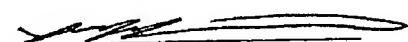
Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's statement the allowability of claims 32-34. Claim 27 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 20). Now claim 27 depends from amended claim 20 which is allowable and is allowable.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for immediate allowance.

Favourable reconsideration and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

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